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Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 1999 session (New York, 17-28 January 2000)

Summary

At its 1999 resumed session, from 17 to 28 January 2000, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 114 new applications for consultative status, including applications deferred from its 1998 session and its 1999 regular session. Of those applications, the Committee recommended 62 organizations for consultative status, did not recommend four organizations, and deferred 48 organizations for further consideration at a later date. The Committee had before it 14 requests for reclassification of consultative status, of which it recommended 11 organizations for reclassification, decided that one organization should maintain its current status, and deferred consideration of the reclassification of two organizations to its 2000 session. The Committee also took note of 43 quadrennial reports covering the periods 1994-1997 and 1995-1998, with two reservations, while deferring final consideration of five reports pending receipt of further information from the organizations concerned.

The present report contains three draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council. By draft decision I, the Council would:

(a) Grant consultative status to 62 non-governmental organizations which had applied;

(b) Reclassify six organizations from special to general consultative status and five organizations from the Roster to special consultative status.

By draft decision II, the Council would grant Roster status to 15 organizations, pursuant to Council decision 1996/302.

By draft decision III, the Council would take note of the present report and approve the provisional agenda for the 2000 session of the Committee.

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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant the following non-governmental organizations consultative status:

General consultative status

Pacific Concerns Resources Centre[1]

United Nations Association of China

Special consultative status

Admiral Family Circle Islamic Community

African Peace Network

Al-Haq — Law in the Service of Man

American Life League

American Society for Training and Development

Association algérienne pour la planification familiale

Association femme et developpement

Association nationale de volontariat Touiza

Association of Organizations for Social and Educational Assistance

Association socio-culturelle de bienfaisance de Bender Djedid

Association Tunisie-Méditerranée pour le développement durable

Association tunisienne de la communication

Association tunisienne de lutte contre les MST/SIDA

Association tunisienne de prevention de toxicomanie

Association tunisienne des auberges et tourisme de jeunes

Canadian Federation of Agriculture

Canadian Labour Congress

[1] Incorrectly cited as having been recommended for special status in the Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 1999 session (E/1999/109).

Cascadia Quest

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Centre for Development Services

Centre for Women's Global Leadership

Charitable Society for Social Welfare

Coordination française du lobby européen des femmes

Development Promotion Group

Egyptian AIDS Society

Endeavour Forum

Femmes Afrique solidarité

Fundación Huancavilca

Global Action Plan International

Global Policy Forum

Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group

Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association

Hong Kong Federation of Women

Human Lactation Center

International Buddhist Relief Organization

International Centre for Study and Development

International Commission of Catholic Prison Pastoral Care

International Metalworkers Federation

Islamic Women's Institute of Iran

Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning

Lebanese Welfare Association for the Handicapped

Ligue pour l'éducation de la femme et de l'enfant

Mountain Institute

Mukono Multi-purpose Youth Organization

National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs

National Council of Women of Thailand

Norwegian Refugee Council

Organisation pour la promotion et la protection des droits de la femme et de l'enfant au Burundi

Peter Hesse Stiftung Foundation

Public International Law and Policy Group[2]

Red de Educación Popular entre Mujeres

Rencontres — International Association of French-speaking Anglicans and Episcopalians

Scouts tunisiens

Universal Great Brotherhood

Vie Montante Internationale

Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development

Women Action

Women in Media and Entertainment

World Human Dimension

World Information Clearing Centre

(b) To reclassify six organizations from special to general consultative status and five organizations from the Roster to special consultative status as follows:

General consultative status

Asia Crime Prevention Foundation

Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Sanstha

Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches

International Council of Environmental Law

Médecins sans frontières

Znanie International Scientific and Educational Association

Special consultative status

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

International Humanist and Ethical Union

United Methodist Church General Board of Global Ministries

World Alliance of Reformed Churches

World Organization of Former Students of Catholic Education

(c) To note that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations did not recommend granting consultative status to the following four non-governmental organizations:

Assyrian National Congress

Human Rights Guard

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[2] Omitted from the list of non-governmental organizations recommended for special status in the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 1999 session (E/1999/109).

International Committee of Peace and Human Rights[3]

Universidad Latinoamericana de la Libertad Friedrich Hayek

Draft decision II
Expansion of the participation of non-governmental organizations on the Roster for the purposes of the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development

The Economic and Social Council, pursuant to its decision 1996/302 of 26 July 1996, decides to approve the request of the following 15 non-governmental organizations that are on the Roster for the purposes of the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development to expand their participation into other fields of the Council:

Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning

Earth Council

European Environmental Bureau

Evergreen Club of Ghana

Loretto Community

Mauchak (Maulik Chahida Karmashuchi)

National Foundation of Indian Engineers

OIKOS Cooperação e Desenvolvimento

Pan African Movement

Peace Trust

Rural Development Foundation of Pakistan

Society for Rural Development

Sajju Institute and Research Foundation

United Nations Association of Sweden

World Circle of the Consensus

Draft decision III
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 1999 session and provisional agenda for the 2000 session of the Committee

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 1999 session and approves the provisional agenda for the 2000 session of the Committee as set out below.

[3] The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations decided to close its consideration of the application of this organization.

Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2000 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the previous session of the Committee;
   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification.
4. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
   (a) Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat;
   (b) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
   (c) Consideration of organizations whose defining characteristics are not in strict conformity with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31.
5. Implementation of Council decision 1996/302.
6. Review of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Council.
7. Consideration of special reports.
8. Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in the year 2001.
9. Adoption of the report of the Committee.